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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

KUWAHARA ET AL.

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Robert Sellers

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 7-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 7-18 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

This is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination and amendment filed October 26, 2007.

Claims 7-18 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. The election was made **without** traverse in the non-Final rejection mailed April 24, 2006.

The text of those section 103(a) of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in the non-Final rejection mailed February 13, 2006.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yonehama et al. Patent No. 6,562,934 in view of CAPLUS accession no. 1990:425027 for the Kobonshi Ronbunshu article by Tanaka et al. and European Patent No. 477,440.

The rejection is maintained for the reasons of record set forth in the previous Office actions. The arguments filed October 26, 2007 have been considered but are unpersuasive.

1. Yonehama et al. in Example 1 (col. 7, lines 36 and 44) shows the reaction product of 3.0 moles of meta-xylylenediamine and 3.0 moles of styrene which is the same molar ratio of 1:1 as that newly claimed. The declaration merely compares the closest prior art Example 1 of Yonehana et al. containing an addition product with a molar ratio of 1:1 to that of Example 2 with a molar ratio of 2:1.

Comparisons involving examples from the reference wherein one shows the identically claimed molar ratio of 1:1 does not address the reasons for the *prima facie* obviousness of the combined prior art. The claimed molar ratio of 1:1 is clearly anticipated by Yonehama et al. in Example 1. The basis for the obviousness is the motivation to combine the salicylic acid accelerator of Tanaka et al. and the European patent with the meta-xylylenediamine-styrene addition product of Yonehama et al. in order to improve the curing rate of an epoxy resin (non-Final rejection filed April 24, 2006, page 6, paragraph 8 and pages 7-8, paragraphs 11 and 13).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert Sellers whose telephone number is (571) 272-1093. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 6:00. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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